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Mr. YAKYM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight and celebrate a very special group of Hoosiers.

Over the weekend, the Fairfield Falcons girls basketball team out of Goshen, Indiana, captured the 3A State title for the first time in school history.

The Falcons 49-42 win over Corydon Central in Indianapolis was exhilarating and extra special as it marked Fairfield's first State trophy in any sport.

We have all heard the maxim, "defense wins championships," and for the Falcons it turned out to be true.

All season long the Falcons' defense was downright stingy, allowing the fewest points per game out of any team in Indiana. But it wasn't only because of their defense that the Falcons are celebrating. In particular, Head Coach Brodie Garber credits four senior girls he is graduating for consistently providing leadership and mentorship needed for his team to take on the title.

Congratulations to Coach Garber and all the Falcons—both players and staff—on bringing home the hardware.

Thank you for making Hoosiers in Goshen and beyond so incredibly proud.

God bless you, and God bless America.

#### TRAIN DERAILMENTS ACROSS NORTHERN OHIO'S CORRIDOR

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, the latest disastrous Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, traveled through my district before its crash.

Unfortunately, this follows another dangerous derailment last October in Sandusky, Ohio—in my district—at the busy Columbus bridge overpass.

One half year later, it is clear that Norfolk Southern repairs have seriously lagged at this main artery into Sandusky, Ohio. Rail companies have failed to restore this vital main artery into the city of Sandusky, Ohio.

In a year where Norfolk Southern's rail barons brought in—get ready—\$3.27 billion in profits, the companies ought to invest in the necessary safety protocols and immediate repairs to prevent such disasters from happening again across northern Ohio's busiest corridor.

The current and long-term health and safety for rail workers, for residents of communities in East Palestine and Sandusky must be America's top priority. America cannot allow rail chieftains to exploit communities and working people's safety while in turn padding their own pocketbook with billions of dollars of money.

The time to change course in rail safety is now.

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#### HONORING MORRIS BUTLER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Darien Councilman Morris Butler who passed away last month.

Mr. Butler served on the Darien City Council for 3 years where he will be remembered as a kind man and as a man who would always fight for what he thought was right.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Debra, his five daughters, and his 10 grandchildren.

Mayor "Bubba" Hodge remembered Councilman Butler for his warm smile, his love for his family, and his love for people in general.

The mayor said that he always felt warmth when he was around Councilman Butler and now feels a void without his presence.

This is a trying time for the people of Darien as this is the second councilmember that they have lost due to death in the last month, but I know that the memory and the legacy of both of these councilmembers, especially of Morris Butler, will not be forgotten.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Butler and his family.

#### DENOUNCING ABHORRENT REMARKS

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, last week, one of our colleagues from across the aisle made very ignorant comments and questioned Representative JUDY CHU's loyalty and service to this country.

These claims were baseless, discriminatory, and flat-out wrong. As one of his own Republican colleagues said, these types of troubling comments are out of bounds and, yes, beyond the pale.

Questioning Congresswoman JUDY CHU's loyalty to the United States purely based on her Chinese heritage is not only racist and xenophobic, it is very dangerous, and it is not new.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was subject to baseless accusations of being a communist by J. Edgar Hoover. These same harmful bouts of hateful misinformation have been cast on myself, Congresswoman ILHAN OMAR, and other women of color in Congress. It is despicable.

Madam Speaker, hate speech leads to hate violence. We must clearly and strongly denounce this kind of rhetoric, especially during a time when our AAPI community continues to be a target of hateful aggression against the country.

Congresswoman CHU has been a steadfast warrior for constituents in

her district, the AAPI community, and for all marginalized communities she has worked for across our country. She is a great patriot.

To question her service and loyalty to the United States is shameful and unacceptable.

#### RECOGNIZING INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

(Mrs. HOUCHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, this Saturday was a big day for basketball in Indiana. Let's be honest: Every day is a big day for basketball in Indiana.

Nonetheless, this weekend, the girls' basketball teams throughout the State went head-to-head to compete for the Indiana High School Athletic Association State championship.

I am proud to share that not just one but two southern Indiana high schools brought home State titles for the Ninth District.

First to play was the Lanesville Eagles girls' basketball team. They walked away from the game with the school's first-ever IHSA Class 1A State championship title.

The Eagles continued their firsts as senior Linzie Wernert was named the first athlete in Lanesville history to win the 2023 Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award.

Next up on the basketball court was the Bedford North Lawrence Lady Stars basketball team. They won the game with the IHSA class 4A State championship title for the fifth time.

Again, only adding to their success, senior Karsyn Norman was named the 2023 recipient of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award.

Both teams left their hearts on the basketball court and represented their hometowns well. I join all Hoosiers across the district in saying congratulations. Their dedication to the sport helps make Indiana the best basketball State in the country.

#### HONORING BRANDON COX

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I think all of us Members of Congress can agree on one thing; that one of the greatest joys of being a Member is knowing the great men and women who work for us day in and day out. These men and women also dedicate their lives to serving others and serving our country.

Today, I honor one such man, my former chief of staff, Brandon Cox, who as of Friday will be moving on to bigger and better challenges.

I first met Brandon 8 years ago as a staffer for my campaign, and I saw a confident young man who knew politics better than anyone, worked harder than anyone, had a memory for details